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DISTO; VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL; MILITARY ADDRESSEES FOR  
POLADS

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, MILI

SUBJECT: ITALIAN REPORT OF NEWLY- INTRODUCED SOVIET  
FORCES AND EQUIPMENT IN CENTRAL EUROPE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FRG FONOFF INTERNAL MEMO,  
ITALIAN EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR FERRABOSCHI CALLED MARCH  
18 AT FONOFF TO PASS ON FOLLOWING " NOT FULLY CONFIRMED"  
INFO PICKED UP BY ITALIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
" FROM A SERIES OF RECENT IDENTIFICATIONS". THERE APPEARS  
TO BE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ITALIAN REPORT AND APRIL 7/8  
DREW MIDDLETON IHT REPORT CONCERNING MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
NEWLY INTRODUCED INTO CENTRAL EUROPE BY RED ARMY. ACTION  
REQUESTED: US ASSESSMENT OF ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE  
REPORTING. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN REPORT, SOVIETS HAVE INSTALLED  
IN GDR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY-- I. E., POT-  
ENTIAL WP REDUCTION ZONE FOR MBFR-- NEW WEAPON DEPOTS  
" SUFFICIENT TO EQUIP SEVEN ( ADDITIONAL) SOVIET  
DIVISIONS." THE NEW EQUIPMENT INTRODUCED AMOUNTS TO  
" SOME FOUR THOUSAND (4000) TANKS, OF WHICH THREE THOUS-  
AND (3000) ARE T-62, AND ALSO TO A LARGE NUMBER OF  
LAUNCHING PADS FOR TACTICAL MISSILES AND ARTILLERY  
CANNONS."

3. ITALIAN REPORT CONTINUES THAT SOVIETS SO FAR HAVE  
DEPLOYED FOLLOWING NEW TROOPS TO CENTRAL EUROPE:  
-- ONE TANK DIVISION TO POLAND  
-- THREE SAM- FOUR(4) MISSILE BRIGADES, ONE SUCH BRIGADE  
EACH TO GDR, HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.  
ITALIAN REPORT ADDED THAT EXISTING SOVIET UNITS IN THESE  
FOUR WP COUNTRIES ALSO WERE STRENGTHENED IN NUMBERS AND  
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4. ITALIANS SAY THESE SOVIET REDEPLOYMENTS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY RAIL, ROAD AND AIR IN PERIOD SINCE MAY 1972. AS SOVIET MOTIVE, FERRABOSCHI SAID SOVIETS " INTRODUCING NEW TANKS SO THEY CAN OFFER TO WITHDRAW OLD TANKS AS PART OF MBFR MIXED PACKAGE."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: FRG WOULD APPRECIATE US COMMENTS OR EVALUATIONS OF ITALIAN DEMARCHE.  
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